

EMERGING STUDENT LEADERS DINNER

Thursday, November 24, 2005

...Celebrating Our Students...



IBUKUN AKIN-AGUNBIADE is a 2nd year Science student and intends to apply to a medical school and specialize in cardiac surgery. He volunteers with the International Centre for students. He performs reception duties at the front desk and also assists the welcome family coordinator in her duties of welcoming new international students to Canada. Ibukun is also a member of the Campus Crusade for Christ and volunteers with UMSU. Outside of the University community, Ibukun leads a group of grade six students at Whyte Ridge Baptist Church in worship, teachings, and community service programs.

CHRISTIAN BUTERA is the Student Group Resource Centre Facilitator designated by UMSU.

KENDALL BEHRISIN is a 3rd year student studying French and Spanish in the Faculty of Arts and is originally from Kenora, ON. Kendall is a member of the Housing & Student Life Team as a Resident Advisor. She is also a volunteer with the Praxis group, and is a Reading Buddy in a grade one Classroom at Carpathia School as a part of the Reading Buddies Program.

JANA-RAE CASSIDY is a 3rd year student studying Marketing and International business at the Asper School of Business. In 2004 Jana was named a Canadian Inter-University Sport (CIS) Academic All-Canadian as a member of the U of M Bison track and field team. She won a gold medal in the 4x800m at the 2005 CIS Track and Field Championships, and also won a bronze medal in the 4x400m at the 2005 Canada Summer Games. She is a member of the University of Manitoba Marketing Association (UMMA), University of Manitoba Athletic Council (UMAC) as the track and field representative, and the Commerce Student's Association social programming committee. She has volunteered with Shinerama, as a "Buddy" for Buddy Day at the Asper School of Business, as a Junior Bison track instructor at local track meets, and has worked with Athletics Canada in a national Run, Jump, and Throw campaign. She has also assisted in University One orientation sessions on Time Management Skills.

AMANDA DAWE is from Conception Bay South, Newfoundland. She is currently in her 2nd year of the Master of Music program with a concentration in Vocal Performance. Amanda is member of the Housing & Student life team as a Resident Advisor. She is involved in the Residence "Dorm Dog" Program and volunteers time with the Winnipeg Humane Society. Other involvement includes working as a student assistant as well as singing in the Cantata singers and Opera workshop with the Faculty of Music.

SAMI DIVLELI is an international student at the U of M. He has taken studies in the Faculty of Management and Business Administration at Yidiz University in Istanbul, Turkey, and transferred to the U of M in 2003. He is in his final year of an Advance BA in Economics with a minor in Political Studies. Sami has been very involved with the International Centre for Students including participating in training sessions, leadership sessions, and the MAP organization. Over the last year, he has been involved with the peer group program and volunteered for the U of M's Japanese Association in the position of vice president.

JULIE JEN is a 1st year Commerce student. She is also a Program assistant with the International Centre for Students and in this role she has assisted with the On Campus Buddy Program, Volunteer English Partner Program, and Income Tax Workshops. Julie is a member the Asper School of Business First Year Committee, AIESEC MB, Asper School of Business Accounting Association, and the U of M Korea Student Association.

ANDREW MCGILLVRAY is a 3rd year Arts student who studied at Aalborg University, Denmark, during the fall term 2004/05. As a representative of the U of M while abroad, his standard of excellence towards course grades in the Aalborg Intercultural Studies Program earned Andrew top marks in the class and the special commendation of his host University's Exchange Coordinator. Following his return to the U of M, Andrew has continued to volunteer his time to the Exchange Program, serving on the Exchange Interview and Selection Committees and assisting new students to the program.

MICHAEL PARENT, MELINDA MINTARO, and JONATHAN BARRERA-CALIX are Peers. This volunteer program is a collaborative effort of Student Affairs and UMSU. Through its volunteers, the program assists in the adjustment, satisfaction and persistence of U of M students. Peers are students who are chosen by a very thorough selection process. They receive intensive training in interpersonal communication and crisis intervention skills. Peers:

- Initiate and plan awareness campaigns to promote issues on campus that students commonly face;
- Conduct outreach initiatives linked to broader community resources and campaigns (e.g., violence against women awareness campaigns);
- Participate in placements with various U of M offices and programs;
- Commit 6 hours each week to the program; and
- Must maintain a minimum GPA and be registered as full-time students.

Many Peers are involved in other volunteer programs on and off campus.

BENJAMIN PAUL is in the Faculty of Education and plans to become a secondary teacher. Benjamin is a Métis person from St. Clara, MB, where he was raised before moving to Winnipeg to attend University. Ben is part of the Aboriginal Student Association as the Cultural Coordinator.

ADAM PROKOPANKO is a 1st year student and a Leader of Tomorrow Scholarship Recipient from West St. Paul, MB. Adam's involvement at his previous institution includes drama, music programs, and student government initiatives. Adam acted as a mentor to younger students as part of a freshman retreat, where he coordinated speakers, volunteer service placements, and recreation time for these individuals.

LINDSAY POGGEMILLER is a student in the Faculty of Arts majoring in Global Political Economy. She has also been the U of M Bison's Women's Volleyball Captain for the past two years and is currently in her fifth year of eligibility in university sport. Lindsay is involved with the U of M's chapter of Athletes in Action (2002-2005), and as a guest coach with Athletes in Action for developmental camps in rural Manitoba. She sits on the U of M Athletic Council, has been a University One Orientation Orienteer, and is a free lance writer for the Manitoban and the University of Manitoba Undergraduate Economics Society Journal. Outside the university setting, Lindsey volunteers at Siloam Mission, has been a camp counselor for girls aged 8 to 14 at Camp Nutimik, MB, and has been involved with numerous public speaking projects.

WILLIAM PRINCE is a 2nd year Science student who has been nominated to study at Deakin University in Australia for the winter term in 2006. William is part of the Aboriginal student community at the U of M and has demonstrated tremendous leadership both within this community and the larger U of M student body. William is a remarkable young man with an abundance of energy, talent, and extra-curricular involvements. While in Australia, William plans to continue his pre-Medicine studies and hopes to work alongside Australian Aboriginal medical practitioners to gain a broader spectrum of health care experience. William's commitment to his home community in Peguis, MB, has inspired him to bring his knowledge and ability to heal, back to his rural home.

SID RASHID is a 2nd year student in the faculty of Science with aspirations of continuing his studies in Medicine. Sid is member of the Housing & Student life team as a Resident Advisor. He has also been a U1 Orientation Leader and is involved with the Praxis program facilitated by Housing and Student Life. Sid's off campus involvement includes refereeing youth hockey, umpiring youth baseball, coaching youth soccer, and volunteering at Boundary Trails Hospital.

BRENDAN SALAKOH is a 1st year student and a Leader of Tomorrow Scholarship Recipient from Winnipeg, MB. Brendan has participated in Shinerama and Holiday food hamper campaigns. Off campus activities including coaching youth basketball and working as a day camp counselor at the YMCA during the summer. Brendan has also been involved with Student Council at his previous institution.

WARREN SANDERSON is a 3rd year Science student. Warren is Saulteaux from Fairford, MB. He has lived in Thompson and Vancouver and now makes Winnipeg his home. Warren was involved with the Aboriginal Student Association (ASA) as the sports representative in 2004. This year, he is the co-host of Aboriginal Connections at the U of M radio station.

HARLEY SHEPHERD is a 1st year student and a Leader of Tomorrow Scholarship Recipient from Elkhorn, MB. Harley has been involved with 4H, high school athletics, and music programs. Harley was also heavily involved with Cadets and has played an active leadership role with this organization as a Section Commander for the Basic Course and mentoring of younger cadets.

DANIEL STEPANIK is a 4th year Science student and hopes to further his studies in the Faculty of Education. Dan is originally from Pinawa, MB. In his University career Dan has served on RSAC (Residence Students Association Council) for two years - one of those as the Senior Stick. He is also an active volunteer for UMSU and currently a Resident Advisor with HSL.

TERRY WATSON is a 4th year Arts student with academic interests in the field of high school education. He is from Victoria, BC and is an Offensive Lineman with the U of M Bison's. Terry's other on campus activities include Co-chair of the University of Manitoba Athletes' Council, representative on the University of Manitoba Athletic Council, Peer mentor in the Bison Football Peer Mentor program, and a Volunteer at CIS Nations track meets. Off campus activities include organizing and supervising Thunder on the Prairie High School Football Round-Robin, coaching in Manitoba Bison's High School and Jr. High School Development Camps, and guest coaching at the Steinbach Rural Outreach Football Camp.

ZHANNI WEBER is a 1st year student and a Leader of Tomorrow Scholarship recipient from Winnipeg. Zhanni's innovative "Sparking Ur Life" program at her previous institution helps to connect seniors and youth in our community. Zhanni has been active in track, music, academic clubs and fundraising.

TARA WILLIAMS is Nehayowak-Anishinaabekwe with ties to Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Swan Lake and Winnipeg, MB. She is in her 3rd and final year of a Bachelor of Social Work degree and intends to pursue graduate and legal studies in the upcoming year. At the University, she has been actively involved in the Social Work Students' Association, the Aboriginal Student Centre, the Aboriginal Students' Association, and UMSU. This year, she is the Aboriginal Student Community Representative to UMSU.



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